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Dear Ed,

Skolnick is more devious, more corrupt and perhaps a lot nuttier than any of you indicated to me. He has also gone much farthur.

Midnight I had a call from the currently-unemployed friend to whom he had spoken and from whom he had obtained my material onnthe clearly spurious ground he and his class would carry the investigation further. This young man told me several new things:

That he told Skolnick this was all in my book.

That Skolnick also held a press conference and was interviewed by the Chicago Defender, both times saying this was his material, the result of his personal investigation.

That Skolnick and his associate, named Gall (to whom my friend spoke), have an appointment to come here and see me this weekend (which is entirely new to me, for I've heard from nobody but you and Albright).

On my desk today I found the note I'd made after the call telling me Skolnick wanted to talk to me. It indicates the only interest he indicated is what you and Albright did, Bolden, and the note was a reminder to have the file out so I could background him. My friend told Skolnick not to call me until the next night, so he'd have a chance to phone me first to see if I were willing to have help with Bolden and so I could be ready if I were.

Tonight is the end of the second week since the broadcast. I just tried to call Lucht at the station. They gave me the number of a Chinese restaurant where he is. As of now he is there. We could hear the person who answered the phone talking to him. First he said to call him at the station, then he told the Chinese man to say he wasn't there and they didn't know where he was. We phoned the station again, only to be told he certainly was there.(HO 5-5522)

Jouse was not there but his son, Ned, was. He said to phone after 10 a.m. tomorrow and speak to his father or a Miss Stebbins. Or Mrs. S.

Lucht has not responded, not sent the tape, not said he would or wouldn't and the damage to my work expands with each new indulgence of his ego. (S's, that is.) As long as S can get this kind of attention he'll continue. I feel I must stop him for if he hasn't yet ruined other things on which I am working it is inevitable that when what he is doing comes to attention it will have this effect. Besides, I don't like being screwed.

If it is not too much trouble, would you please ask the Defender to send me a copy of their story? And anything else they have on this? Is there any way of learning who attended that press conference and whether anyone taped it? That, too, could be useful.

Sorry this has been so much of a nuisance to you. Thanks for whatever you may have time to do.

Sincerely,